



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

# Division of Food and Recreational Safety

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## Information Regarding First Aid, Lifeguard and CPR Certifications

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) wants to provide additional information related to the emergency order issued by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) at the direction of Gov. Tony Evers.

[Emergency Order No. 12](#), or the Safer at Home order, prohibits the operation of recreational and education camps. However, when camps are again permitted to operate, there may be issues with first aid, CPR and lifeguard certification renewals. Specifically, there is a shortage of courses to renew or obtain these certificates. This will be a hardship for any camp or user group that was depending on one of these courses.

**If camps are allowed to open in 2020, you will not be penalized if a health staff member or user group at your camp has an expired certificate, as long as that expired certificate is from an approved course.** Health staff are expected to complete requirements for certification as soon as possible when courses do become available.

The Safer at Home order remains in effect until 8 a.m. on Friday, April 24, or until a superseding order is issued. DATCP will provide additional information if a new order requires further clarification.

The [State of Wisconsin created a webpage](#) that offers resources from various agencies and answers to critical questions. Here are a few other resources from DHS that might be helpful during this challenging time:

- [COVID-19 Information](#)
- [COVID-19 Facts: Why Social Distancing](#)
- [COVID-19 Facts: Protect Your Family](#)

Thank you for your role in keeping Wisconsinites safe and helping to reduce the spread of COVID-19. If you have any questions, send them to [datcpdfsrec@wisconsin.gov](mailto:datcpdfsrec@wisconsin.gov).



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